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Sunday School Lessons Unit Two

"Praise From And For God's Creation"

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We are providing these notes from the Committee on Uniform Series that prepares associated Sunday School lesson outlines long in advance of their usage. Included in this Guide are thoughts that are reflected in the Lesson Development Guide for writers of Sunday school lessons and the recommended commentary of the Department of Christian Education, The New International Lesson Annual published by Abingdon Press Nashville, Tennessee.

During the winter quarter we are exploring Creation. The overall theme calls for us to see ourselves as a Co-creator with God. Scriptures are taken from the Gospel of Luke. Unit two is entitled "Praise From And For God's Creation."

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We think that nature exists for our benefit alone. For what purpose was the world created? The psalmist commands every element of creation to join the chorus of praise for all that God has created.

Goal for the Learners

- ✓ To acknowledge that creation exists primarily to praise God, not to meet our physical needs.
- ✓ To exult in the wonders of God's creation.
- ✓ To treat the things of nature with greater respect as befits their divine purpose.

Lesson Challenges for the Week

- Notice media reports about nature. Is nature viewed as a commodity, which has economic value, to be used by humanity? Is nature understood as something having value in its own right? What might you imagine that God would be saying about the attitude of nature that predominates in these reports?
- Evaluate your own attitude toward nature: Does it exist primarily for the benefit of humans or does God have some other purpose for it? How do your behaviors reflect what you claim to be your attitude?
- Read one of the final five psalms each day this week. Let these words of praise remind you of God's goodness and greatness.



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